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**SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Civic Center Library  
April 20, 2016 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Dana Braccia  
Teresa Kim Quale, Chair  
Laraine Rodgers, Vice Chair  
Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain  
Doug Sydnor  
Mary Wilber

Absent: Halette Fealey

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Wade, Library Director  
Robbin Gaebler, Senior Manager, Building Operations & Volunteer Svcs.  
Kathy Coster, Senior Manager, Adult, Youth & Marketing Operations  
Killeen Sepulveda, Administrative Secretary  
Alyssa Black, Youth Services Librarian

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Quale called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Sharp-Chamberlain called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the March meeting with one change. Vice Chair Rodgers seconded and the motion passed 6-0 (Board Member Healey absent).

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (ARS 38-431.02)**

One member of the public, Risha Sharma, was present for this meeting, and told the Library Board that she thinks the staff at Civic Center Library is fantastic.

## **LIBRARY STAFF REPORTS OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))**

### ***Library Director's Report –Library Director, Kathleen Wade***

- Library Director Wade deferred to Alyssa Black, Youth Services Librarian, who presented information about the Teen Advisory Boards (TAB) in the library system. Nolan and Olivia, members of the Teen Advisory Board, provided a presentation on the activities of TAB throughout the year. Library Board members had a brief question and answer session with the teens that were present (Hannah, Nolan, Juanita, Katrina, Olivia and Katie).
- Library Director Wade announced the passing of librarian Kerry Fiske and informed the Library Board that Human Services, Human Resources and Cigna have been providing counseling support for library staff.
- Director Wade gave an update about her trip to the Public Library Association conference in Denver May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, focusing on how libraries and school could collaborate more and also on "Project Outcome."
- Director Wade reported that the Giving Tree Ceremony, which celebrates volunteers who have been with the library for more than 5 years, was a successful and lovely event.
- Director Wade announced that there were approximately 30-35 people attend the strategic plan Appreciative Inquiry session on March 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated that Library Board members can be interviewed and can give input if they are interested.
- Director Wade reported that they are still in the early stages of looking for funding for the Scottsdale Heritage Connection (SHC) project, and would welcome any suggestions on who to talk to about possible funding. She announced that through a grant, the Metadata Services program got a part-time employee who will be focusing on digitization.

### ***Patron Comment Report – Kathleen Wade***

There were several comments concerning the amount of noise in the libraries and Board Chair Quale posed the question of putting more signage up designating "quiet spaces." A patron who was present for the meeting added that she has noticed increased use of mobile phones by patrons, which can be loud and distracting. Director Wade stated that she will bring this issue up at the next Management Team meeting for discussion.

## **UPDATE ON FRIENDS OF SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Director Wade gave information about the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library group, explaining that there are now 5 members on the board and they plan on advertising soon to ask for more board members. Board Member Sharp-Chamberlain stated that she believes there is a large pool of people out there that would be involved with the group, but she has never seen any advertising about it. Board Member Sydnor, who was a member of the Friends group for 10 years, advised that past Friends members, Library Board members and library staff be asked to meet to brainstorm about what to do to reconstruct the current group. Director Wade reported that the Friends' website is back up, but the information needs to be updated.

## **LIBRARIES=EDUCATION MOVEMENT**

Board Member Braccia provided an informational presentation on the Library=Education Movement, which encourages libraries to reposition themselves as educational institutions, promoting their programs and services as educational to the community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ISSUES FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

- Board Chair Quale announced that she will go to the National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC on May 5, 2016.
- Board Member Wilber reported that she emailed Director Wade a positive comment from a local 7 year old child, who expressed enthusiasm about the Civic Center Library's youth area and castle.
- Vice Chair Rodgers recently attended a meeting put on by SARRC (Southwest Autism Research and Referral) and was surprised to learn that in the group, only four people had visited a branch of Scottsdale Public Library. Rodgers stated that she spoke to the group about the services available at the library.
- Board Member Sharp-Chamberlain reported that she attended the Giving Tree Ceremony on April 13<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the other members of the board to attend events like this.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Killeen Sepulveda, Administrative Secretary